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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - AGENDA ITEM 10 - ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION
ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE

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1. SUMMARY: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE ON 22 JULY THE RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH SIX OF THIS TELEGRAM. TEXT OF RESOLUTION CLOSELY MIRRORS WHAT WAS SUBMITTED TO (REF 1) AND FOUND ACCEPTABLE BY (REF 2) THE DEPARTMENT. EGYPT ADDED AN INNOCUOUS NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FOUR WHICH "EXPRESSES THE BELIEF THAT ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE A MAJOR CONSIDERATION IN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT." USDEL MADE SHORT STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD ALONG THE LINES OF PARAGRAPH TWO OF REF 2. END SUMMARY.

2. DRAFT RESOLUTION E/AC.6/L 577 (SAME TEXT AS CONTAINED PARAGRAPH SIX OF REF 1) WAS INTRODUCED BY KENYA ON 21 JULY AND SUBSEQUENTLY ORALLY AMENDED BY KENYA - WHICH PROPOSED A UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH CONCERNING NEW PLEDGES TO THE FUND AND

THE PAYING IN OF PREVIOUS PLEDGES - AND FURTHER AMENDED BY EGYPT WHICH PROPOSED A NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ON THE LINK BETWEEN ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH CALLS ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPHS ONE AND TWO OF SECTION III OF DECISION 47 OF THE 4TH UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL.

3. KENYA DELEGATION THEN URGED THAT THE COMMITTEE ADOPT THE RESOLUTION BY CONSENSUS. NIGERIA, ARGENTINA AND THE US DELEGATIONS EACH MADE SHORT STATEMENTS INDICATING THEY FAVORED OR COULD GO ALONG WITH THE RESOLUTION BEING ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. THE BRIEF US STATEMENT MADE ALL OF POINTS SUGGESTED BY THE DEPT IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF REF 2. THE SOVIETS THEN REQUESTED THAT A FINAL DECISION ON THE RESOLUTION BE POSTPONED FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

4. THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IN ITS PM MEETING ON JULY 22 ADOPTED THE REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION (E/AC/6/L.577/REV.1), AS FURTHER ORALLY REVISED, WITHOUT A VOTE.

5. THE FURTHER ORAL AMENDMENT ACCEPTED WAS TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE AND WAS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS. THE PURPOSE OF THE SOVIET AMENDMENT WAS TO SHARPEN THE LANGUAGE OF THE PARAGRAPH TO MAKE IT CLEARER THAT ECOSOC NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE REPORT OF THE UNEP GC AND THE STATEMENTS MADE THEREON BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOLBA ONLY "AT THE 61ST SESSION OF ECOSOC." AS PREVIOUSLY WORDED THE PARAGRAPH COULD HAVE BEEN READ TO MEAN ECOSOC NOTED WITH SATISFACTION ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY TOLBA ON THE REPORT OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL, INCLUDING HIS EARLIER STATEMENT BEFORE THE 16TH CPC.

6. AFTER THE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN ADOPTED BELGIUM AND CHINA MADE SHORT EXPLANATIONS OF THEIR VOTES. THE BELGIUM COMMENT WAS TO RESERVE ITS POSITION ON THE FUTURE INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP UNEP SHOULD HAVE WITH OTHER UN ENTITIES UNTIL THE BELGIUM DELEGATION HAD SEEN THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THAT SUBJECT OF BOTH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING AND THE CPC. CHINA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAD ENDORSED THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL'S REPORT IN PRINCIPLE IT COULD NOT JOIN IN ASKING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN ITS REPORT ESPECIALLY AS SOME OF THEM

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INCLUDED SUCH "ABSURDITIES" AS DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE.

7. BEGIN TEXT.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

JAMAICA, JORDAN, KENYA, LIBERIA, UGANDA, ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA
REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION

REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON ITS FOURTH SESSION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON THE WORK OF ITS FOURTH SESSION (SEE FOOTNOTE 1) AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, INCLUDING THOSE SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY BODY FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION (SEE FOOTNOTE 2),

HAVING FURTHER CONSIDERED THE NEED TO ENSURE A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIES CONTAINED IN THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AS ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,

1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON ITS FOURTH SESSION AND ALSO NOTES THE STATEMENTS MADE THEREON BY ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE 61ST SESSION OF ECOSOC;

2. INVITES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THAT REPORT AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE RELATING TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 5 TO 8 OF DECISION 73 (IV);

3. INVITES THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF DECISION 55 (IV) OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, WHICH DEALS WITH THE PREPARATION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE;

4. FURTHER INVITES THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
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PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF SECTION III OF DECISION 47 (IV) OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN WHICH THAT COUNCIL EXPRESSES THE BELIEF THAT ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE A MAJOR CONSIDERATION IN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT;

5. FURTHER INVITES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE COMMENTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL CONTAINED IN CHAPTER VI OF ITS REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON CRITERIA GOVERNING MULTILATERAL FINANCING OF HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (SEE FOOTNOTE 3) AND THE RELATED NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (SEE FOOTNOTE 4),

6. ALSO INVITES THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DECISION 76 B (IV) OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WHICH INTER ALIA APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENVIRON-

MENT FUND TO DO SO GENEROUSLY WITHIN THEIR CAPACITIES AND
URGES GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE ANNOUNCED PLEDGES TO PAY THEIR
PLEDGES FULLY AND PROMPTLY.

(FOOTNOTE 1: UNEP/GC/85, TRANSMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL UNDER SYMBOL E/5836 AND CORR. 1 AND 2 AND ADD.1.

FOOTNOTE 2: PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3337 (XXIX)
OF 17 DECEMBER 1974 ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION TO
COMBAT DESERTIFICATION" AND 3511 (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER 1975
ENTITLED "UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION".

FOOTNOTE 3: A/10225.

FOOTNOTE 4: UNEP/GC/78.)

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